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# Supplemental Material

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## Supplemental Material Table S1

TABLE S1. Purification of the recombinant *VpAT* from *E. coli* strain C41(DE3).

Purification step	Sp. activity (U • mg <sup>-1</sup> )	Total protein (mg)	Total activity (U)	Purifica- tion (fold)	Reco- very (%)
Cell-free extract	2.9	1134	3288	1	100
HisTrap chromatography	7.4	248	1835	2.5	56
Q-Sepharose chromatography	17.5	90.4	1582	6	48

## Supplemental Material Table S2

TABLE S2 Data collection and refinement statistics of *VpAT* crystal structures.

Parameters	<i>VpAT</i> holo	<i>VpAT</i> + AOA
Beamline	ID14-4	ID14-4
Data collection		
Resolution (Å) <sup>a</sup>	46.42-1.5 (1.58-1.5)	66.31-2.28 (2.4-2.28)
Space group	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub></i>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub></i>
Cell dimensions		
a, b, c (Å)	88.74, 100.1, 104.8	88.67, 99.88, 104.7
R <sub>merge</sub> <sup>b</sup>	0.043 (0.136)	0.095 (0.158)
Wavelength (Å)	0.9395	0.9395
<i>I</i> /σ ( <i>I</i> )	21.9 (9.3)	10.9 (7.5)
Completeness (%)	99.7 (100.0)	99.8 (99.8)
No. unique reflections	148964 (21628)	43283 (6220)
Multiplicity	4.8	4.0
Refinement		
Resolution (Å)	1.5	2.3
R <sub>work</sub> <sup>c</sup>	0.17	0.18
R <sub>free</sub> <sup>d</sup>	0.18	0.23
Rmsd		
Bond lengths (Å)	0.08	0.08
Bond angles (°)	1.22	1.11
Ramachandran (Molprobit)		
Favored (%)	98	97.0
Outliers (%)	0.0	0.0
PDB code	4AO9	4AOA

<sup>a</sup> Values in the parentheses are for the highest resolution shell.

<sup>b</sup>  $R_{\text{merge}} = \sum_h \sum_i |I(h)_i - \langle I(h) \rangle| / \sum_h \sum_i \langle I(h)_i \rangle$ , where *I* is the observed intensity and  $\langle I \rangle$  is the average intensity of multiple observations of symmetry-related reflections.

<sup>c</sup>  $R_{\text{work}} = \sum_h ||F_{\text{obs}}| - |F_{\text{calc}}|| / \sum_h |F_{\text{obs}}|$ , where  $|F_{\text{obs}}|$  and  $|F_{\text{calc}}|$  are the observed and calculated structure factor amplitudes, respectively.

<sup>d</sup>  $R_{\text{free}}$  is calculated as  $R_{\text{work}}$  using 5 % of all reflections randomly chosen and excluded from structure calculation and refinement.

## Supplemental Material Table S3

TABLE S3 List of putative aromatic  $\beta$ -amino acid aminotransferases.

	NCBI reference sequence	annotation	strain	seq. id.
1	CCF34891	aminotransferase class-III	<i>Colletotrichum higginsianum</i>	41
2	EFQ30679	aminotransferase class-III	<i>Glomerella graminicola</i> M1.001	41
3	EFW16762	conserved hypothetical protein	<i>Coccidioides posadasii</i> str. Silveira	39
4	EFW99062	aminotransferase class 3	<i>Grosmannia clavigera</i> kw1407	38
5	EFZ00111	glutamate-1-semialdehyde 2,1-aminomutase, putative	<i>Metarhizium anisopliae</i> ARSEF 23	42
6	EGU77831	hypothetical protein FOXB_11695	<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> Fo5176	44
7	EGX43269	hypothetical protein AOL_s00215g5	<i>Arthrotrichum oligospora</i> ATCC 24927	38
8	EGX48176	hypothetical protein AOL_s00081g39	<i>Arthrotrichum oligospora</i> ATCC 24927	42
9	EGY14282	glutamate-1-semialdehyde 2,1-aminomutase	<i>Verticillium dahliae</i> VdLs.17	41
10	EHA25332	hypothetical protein ASPNIDRAFT_186860	<i>Aspergillus niger</i> ATCC 1015	37
11	EHK26440	hypothetical protein TRIVIDRAFT_36134	<i>Trichoderma virens</i> Gv29-8	43
12	EHK45279	hypothetical protein TRIATDRAFT_138933	<i>Trichoderma atroviride</i> IMI 206040	40
13	EIM84416	aminotransferase class-III	<i>Stereum hirsutum</i> FP-91666 SS1	49
14	GAA86562	aminotransferase class-III	<i>Aspergillus kawachii</i> IFO 4308	37
15	GAA93170	aminotransferase class-III	<i>Aspergillus kawachii</i> IFO 4308	37
16	XP_001218204	predicted protein	<i>Aspergillus terreus</i> NIH2624	37
17	XP_001248198	hypothetical protein CIMG_01969	<i>Coccidioides immitis</i> RS	40
18	XP_001824703	acetylornithine aminotransferase	<i>Aspergillus oryzae</i> RIB40	41
19	XP_001930822	glutamate-1-semialdehyde 2,1-aminomutase	<i>Pyrenophora tritici-repentis</i> Pt-1C-BFP	39
20	XP_002145750	glutamate-1-semialdehyde 2,1-aminomutase, putative	<i>Penicillium marneffeii</i> ATCC 18224	33
21	XP_002150372	glutamate-1-semialdehyde 2,1-aminomutase, putative	<i>Penicillium marneffeii</i> ATCC 18224	43
22	XP_002383909	acetylornithine aminotransferase, putative	<i>Aspergillus flavus</i> NRRL3357	41
23	XP_002483365	acetylornithine aminotransferase, putative	<i>Talaromyces stipitatus</i> ATCC 10500	38
24	XP_003040355	hypothetical protein NECHADRAFT_34859	<i>Nectria haematococca</i> mpVI 77-13-4	39
25	XP_003065334	aminotransferase class III family protein	<i>Coccidioides posadasii</i> C735 delta SOWgp	39
26	XP_003295515	hypothetical protein PTT_01400	<i>Pyrenophora teres f. teres</i> 0-1	39
27	XP_003711910	glutamate-1-semialdehyde 2,1-aminomutase	<i>Magnaporthe oryzae</i> 70-15	39
28	XP_381362	hypothetical protein FG01186.1	<i>Gibberella zeae</i> PH-1	42
29	YP_001862264	class III aminotransferase	<i>Burkholderia phymatum</i> STM815	55
30	YP_001890102	class III aminotransferase	<i>Burkholderia phytofirmans</i> PsJN	58
31	YP_002944294	class III aminotransferase	<i>Variovorax paradoxus</i> S110	87
32	YP_003481853	aminotransferase class-III	<i>Natrialba magadii</i> ATCC 43099	35
33	YP_004154921	class III aminotransferase	<i>Variovorax paradoxus</i> EPS	87
34	YP_004978979	class III aminotransferase	<i>Burkholderia</i> sp. YI23	56
35	YP_006397172	glutamate-1-semialdehyde 2,1-aminomutase	<i>Sinorhizobium fredii</i> USDA 257	43
36	ZP_02187576	aminotransferase class-III	<i>alpha proteobacterium</i> BAL199	50
37	ZP_02885261	aminotransferase class-III	<i>Burkholderia graminis</i> C4D1M	56
38	ZP_06895587	possible glutamate-1-semialdehyde 2,1-aminomutase	<i>Roseomonas cervicalis</i> ATCC 4995	42
39	ZP_07281103	glutamate-1-semialdehyde 2,1-aminomutase	<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. AA4	41
40	ZP_07777755	aminotransferase class-III	<i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> WH6	52
41	ZP_08528159	threonine dehydratase	<i>Agrobacterium</i> sp. ATCC 31749	27
42	ZP_09395248	glutamate-1-semialdehyde 2,1-aminomutase	<i>Acetobacteraceae bacterium</i> AT-5844	50
43	ZP_10156387	class III aminotransferase	<i>Hydrogenophaga</i> sp. PBC	50
44	ZP_10393152	glutamate-1-semialdehyde aminotransferase	<i>Acidovorax</i> sp. CF316	56
45	ZP_10477025	class III aminotransferase	<i>Pseudomonas</i> sp. Ag1	54
46	ZP_10571586	glutamate-1-semialdehyde aminotransferase	<i>Variovorax</i> sp. CF313	90

Seq. id. = percentage sequence identity to the protein sequence of VpAT.

### Supplemental Material Fig. S1

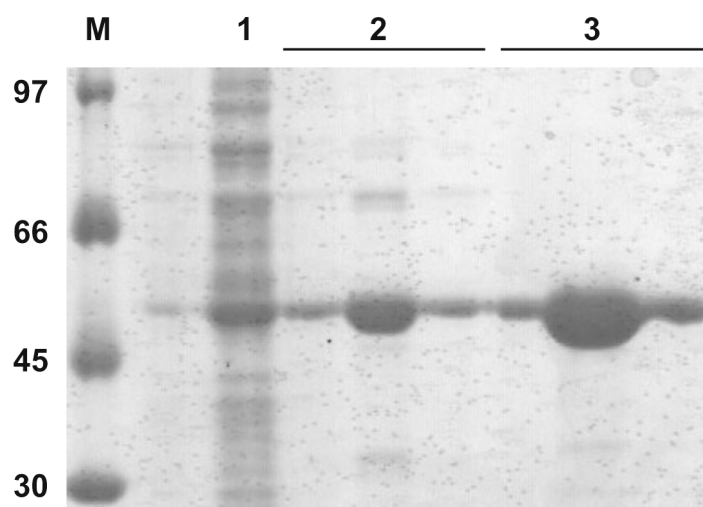


FIG S1. SDS-PAGE of *VpAT* at different steps of purification. The gel contained 10% polyacrylamide. Lanes: M, molecular weight marker (kDa); 1, cell-free extract of *E. coli* strain C41(DE3) expressing the recombinant enzyme; 2, HisTrap fraction; 3, Q-Sepharose HP fraction.

### Supplemental Material Fig. S2

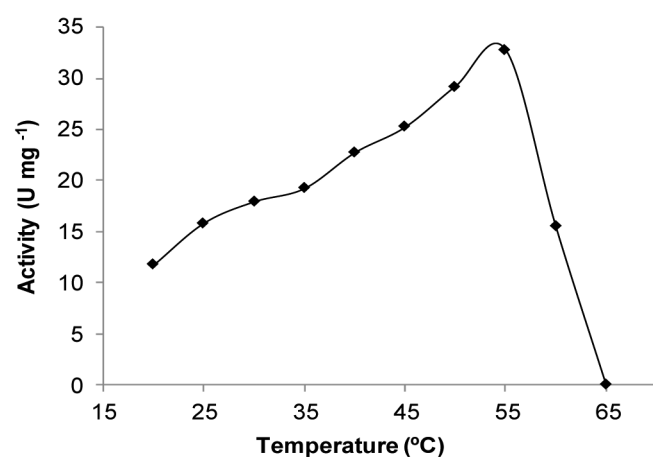


FIG S2. Effect of temperature on the specific activity of *VpAT*.